

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/728,084	Applicant(s) EROMAKI, PENTTI JUHANI	
	Examiner Steven D. Maki	Art Unit 1791	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Steven D. Maki.

(3) _____.

(2) Jeffrey Haendler.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 12-18-07.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: art of record.

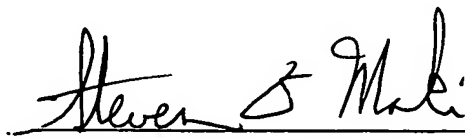
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: On 12-18-07, discussed 112 first paragraph rejection and MPEP 2163.07(a). Applicant's representative argued that the feed structure is not being claimed and that rotation is inherent when the stud is not in proper orientation. Examiner commented that specification teaches turning the fingers or using different studs to obtain the orientation and shows no structure for feeding the studs. Discussed 103 rejection. Examiner informed applicant's representative of a partial oral translation by a USPTO translator of Russia. The information obtained is as follows: 15 is an elastic element that ensures that the lips are closed when idle. Pushers 16 are intended to ensure that the stud is pushed out from the guiding tube through outlet toward the lips. The expanding elements are pushed aside and inside the hole. The stud is pushed through the expanded hole. In this embodiment, the pusher is constituted by a few rods whose ends extend through the radial slots 17 of the guide tube (figure 17). In order to insert the stud into the protector lug hole, first the expansion elements of the lips are inserted into the previously prepared hole, and then pressure is applied to the control cavity thus piston movement is ensured. With respect to the 103 rejection, examiner commented that Ostrovskis suggests using non round studs to prevent tilting and Russia uses an apparatus similar to Pettersson to install non round studs in holes of a tread. Examiner noted that 103 rejection applies if 112 first paragraph rejection is overcome by deleting the new matter and noted possibility of overcoming 112 first paragraph rejection and thereby overcoming the 103 rejection. On 12-20-07, applicant's representative directed attention to page 5 lines 22-24 of specification and emphasized that feeding structure is not being claimed. .